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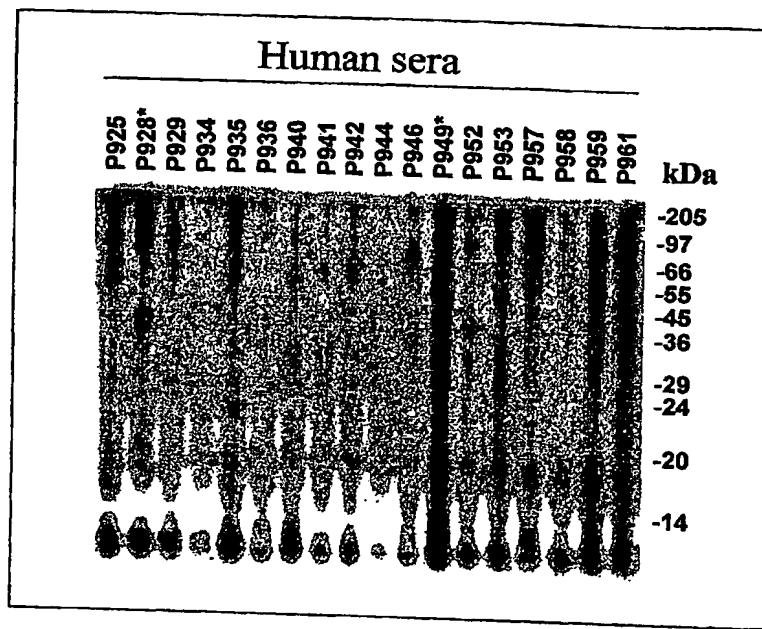
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(54) Title: CHLAMYDIA PNEUMONIAE ANTIGENS



(57) Abstract: The present invention discloses isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding a hyperimmune serum reactive antigen or a fragment thereof as well as hyperimmune serum reactive antigens or fragments thereof from *C. pneumoniae*, methods for isolating such antigens and specific uses thereof.



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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
claims partially 1, 2, 4-10, 12-35

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box II.2

Present claim 27 relates to a product defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely being an antagonist binding the antigen.

The claim covers all products having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides no support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search for this claim is impossible.

Present claims 1c-e and 3c-e relate to an extremely large number of possible products. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the products claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been/ will be carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely claims 1a-b and 3a-b.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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Invention 1: Claims partially 1,2,4-10,12-35

Nucleic acid molecule Seq ID No:31 and corresponding amino acid sequence Seq ID No: 91, fragments thereof, vector, host cell comprising it, process for expression, first and second medical use, antibody, method for producing antibody, method for identification of antagonist and processes for in vitro diagnosis.

Inventions 2-107: Claims 3,11 and partially 1,2,4-10,12-35

Nucleic acid molecules and corresponding amino acid sequences, fragments thereof, vector, host cell comprising it, process for expression, first and second medical use, antibody, method for producing antibody, method for identification of antagonist and processes for in vitro diagnosis.

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